

IMMORALITY IN QUEBEC

Gameroff, Fortier, Represent McGill In Panel Discussion with U of M

Marvin Gameroff, McGill's senior debater, and Yves Fortier, recently awarded a Rhodes Scholarship, will be McGill's representatives on tomorrow night's panel to discuss political immorality. Both Fortier and Gameroff are third year Law students.

Fortier was Co-Chairman of the McGill Conference on World Affairs, held for the first time last term. He graduated from the Uni-



Fortier



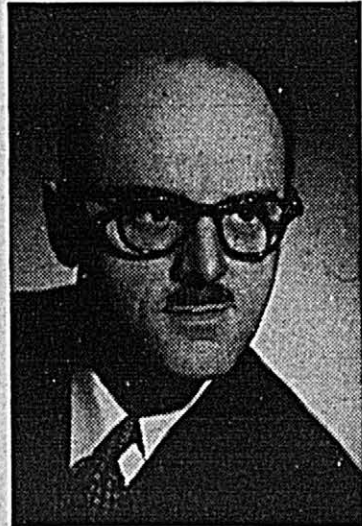
Gameroff

versity of Montreal with a B.A. in 1955, and is now a University Scholar. In 1957 he was elected to the Scarlet Key, and this year he is President of the Law Under-

graduate Society and an Editor of the Law Journal. Fortier plans to spend two years at Magdalen College, Oxford, where he will study Philosophy, Politics and Economics; he will later practice law in Montreal.

Gameroff has represented McGill in 22 intercollegiate debates, of which McGill won 21. He graduated in Arts in 1953, and was married two years later. In 1953 he won the Talbot Papineau Trophy; in 1954-55 he was President of the Students' Society. Gameroff as a member of the Canadian Criminological Society, and is the founder and sole member of the Society for the Abolition of Capital Punishment.

Drapeau To Be Panel Moderator



M. JEAN DRAPEAU, who will officiate as Moderator of the panel in tomorrow's Forum on Political Immorality in Quebec. M. Drapeau is the Honorary President of the Civic Action League, and was mayor of Montreal from 1954 to 1957.

Wednesday-Night Forum Considers Corruption In La Belle Province

"Political immorality in Quebec" is the topic to be discussed tomorrow night in Redpath Hall by a panel of students from McGill and the University of Montreal.

Moderator of the panel will be M. Jean Drapeau, who will deliver a short speech on the subject to open the discussion. Each of the panelists will then present his views on the situation, and a general debate, or possibly a free-for-all, will follow, in which the audience will be invited to participate.

All four panelists are Law students; three are French-speaking, two of whom are from the University of Montreal; all were educated in Montreal. The U. of M. representatives are two third year Law students: Gilles Duguay, B.A. (Paris), Co-Editor of "Quartier Latin", the U. of M. weekly newspaper; and Jean-Guy Frette, B.A. (Montreal), who last year was Vice-President of the

Société Artistique, and represented the University of Montreal at MCWA.

The problem of political immorality has always been with us in Quebec, and for many years was paramount in Montreal. According to McGill's late Economics Professor Stephen Leacock, writing of Montreal at the turn of the century, "The struggle for clean government had been going on ever since the city had been a city; but so has the struggle for dirty government... It was like Milton's battles in the sky: at times the citizens looked up and watched it; mostly they didn't."

The U. of M. Forum is the last regular event of the Debating Union's Exhibition Series.

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STOP SNOWING ?

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WELL, IT
ALWAYS
HAS...

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Trials Next Week

McGill Debaters May Tour Europe

The Debating Union hopes to be able to send two McGill debaters to the British Isles next October to debate at several universities in England, Scotland, and Wales.

The members of the McGill team will be determined by a special tournament, the preliminaries of which are to be held on Thursday and Friday of next week.

Two Days Of Trials

On Friday, February 28, between one and four P.M., all senior and intermediate debaters will be given an opportunity to deliver an eight minute speech on the tournament topic. Novice debaters (those who have never been in intercollegiate competition), will be heard only on Thursday, February 27, between 1 pm and 3 pm, at which time they will be given 8 minutes to speak on the tournament topic.

The two novices judged to be the best speakers in Thursday's trial will be permitted to enter the senior and intermediate trial on Friday. Four finalists will be chosen from Friday's Contestants and they will be paired off in teams for the final debate, which will take place March 4th. The two debaters judged to be the best in the March 4th debate will be declared the winners of the tournament.

Rebuttals Compulsory

Flexibility in dealing with the topic is being stressed in the tournament, and each speaker in

the preliminary will be expected to spend part of his 8 minutes speaking time refuting the material of the speaker who has preceded him. The Tournament Topic is to be announced in the Daily on Monday, Feb. 24.

All students who wish to participate must submit their names to the Debating Union office in the Union before the preliminaries.

Professor Kierans, Panel, To Discuss Present Recession

Professor E. W. Kierans, Director of the School of Commerce, will lead a panel discussion today at 1 pm in the Club Room on the topic "When will this recession end?"

This is the last scheduled event in the Debating Union's series of lunch-hour Forums. The other panelists will be students from various faculties.

Following the panel discussion Professor Kierans and the other speakers will answer questions from the audience. All students are invited.

Executive Elects Fish As President



Morris Fish, B.A.3, was elected for the scholastic year 1958-59 at a recent meeting of the Debating Union Executive. He will take office next June, replacing David Freedman, the current President.

Fish is the Social and Cultural Director of the Students' Executive Council, on which he sits as a representative of the Faculty of Arts and Science. He has been active in debating and public speaking since entering McGill in 1955, and at present is a member of the Intercollegiate Debating Team, and is the Chairman of the Debating Union's Training Programme. During the last Model Parliament, he was elected Minister of Fisheries.

The appointment of Morris Fish as President of the Debating Union is subject to the approval of the SEC; the other positions on the Executive will be filled next month.

Results Uncertain

IUDL Tournament In Fourth Round

McGill's affirmative team in the Inter-University Debating League Competition last night defeated St. Patrick's College in the third round of the current IUDL tournament.

At press time, however, no results were available from Ottawa, where McGill's negative team was to debate against St. Patrick's home team; because of weather conditions their train did not reach Ottawa until ten-thirty pm.

The affirmative team, consisting of two senior debaters, Nancy Adams and David Freedman, won by a vote of two judges out of three. The topic for all rounds of the tournament is: "Resolved that man can cope with his scientific progress."

Together with the negative team of Roy Heenan and Jacob Elkin, Adams and Freedman have so far beaten teams from MacDonald College and Bishop's University. If the negative team also won last night, the four debaters will take part in the fourth round next Monday. Their potential opponents are not yet known; they were also debating last night in the other branch of the local elimination rounds.

If McGill wins this fourth round, they will go on to the regional finals which will be held early in March. The winners of this contest enter the national finals. The top prize in the Inter-University Debating League Tournament is an all-expenses-paid debating tour to Europe.

The Executive of the McGill Debating Union

Respectfully Invites the Students

of McGill University

and The University of Montreal to

The U of M Forum On

"Political Immorality in Quebec"

Redpath Hall
3459 McTavish Street
8:30 pm.

Wednesday, Feb. 19th
Admission Free

Editorials

Ignorance And Bliss

Political immorality arises from political ignorance. McGill students, like the general Quebec public, are notoriously guilty of political ignorance. And are quite content to remain so. There is a feeling that municipal, and provincial, and perhaps federal politics don't really matter. Capable, intelligent people just don't bother, either to vote, or to seek office, or to read the newspapers. Should they neglect the courtroom or the broker's office to do any of these things, they lose their claim to competence and intelligence, and are called 'idealists' by their friends and 'grafters' by their enemies.

In such an atmosphere, corruption both of politicians and of the body politic is inevitable. This affects all parties, even those most vehement in promises of reform. And the corruption will continue until the populace accepts political education as a necessity of social existence. 'Freedom demands responsibility', said Lippmann. And one of a citizen's responsibilities is to be politically sophisticated.

This atmosphere is by no means confined to Quebec. We remember a chairman of General Motors who was dissuaded from running for the presidency of the United States, on the grounds that General Motors could not spare him.

But the political situation in Quebec is further complicated by racial conflict. There are at least three distinct Quebec communities: the French, the English, the Jewish. Mutual suspicion and ignorance place a further burden on the already overstrained bonds of Quebec society.

It seems to us that only free exchange of information, among all members of the public, can bring about improvement. Public debate, especially when organized by representatives from each of the various closed communities, is a privilege and a responsibility of citizens in a democracy.

Snow

We were sitting in the Daily office the other night. At peace with ourselves and our universe. With no worries on our mind. They marched up to us. Indignantly. They pointed out (much more forcefully, we felt, than was necessary) that we were members of the Daily Editorial Board. That this involved writing editorials or reasonable facsimiles thereof. We expressed surprise. They belaboured the point. They claimed that whenever we turned up at Ed Board meetings, they fed us. Admittedly, on Union Food. But, they continued, the essential point was that we were *fed*. We could not deny this. They waxed exhortatory. They had cast bread upon the waters. They felt entitled to a return.

What, we asked, was the occasion of all this raking-over of old coals, whence these recriminations, why this wakening of sleeping dogs?

It seems they wanted an editorial. Not a long editorial. Just an editorial. But it had to be funny.

We began to regret our first questions. But we pressed on regardless. How, we asked, does one go about writing a funny editorial? They couldn't tell us. They explained that they'd been trying all year. That a new approach might succeed. That people were tired of the Standard Lead: "We met a young lady the other day". That people were no longer able to appreciate the subtleties of sarcasm. We agreed.

What were we to write on? They answered, cryptically, anything. We laughed, sardonically. We demanded elucidation. They elucidated. Snow. What were we to do with snow? We were to build up, build up, then let down.

So we have.

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The Honorary Message

TO THE STUDENTS AND ENGINEERS
OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY:

Great debaters are built, not born.

Call us anytime,

BIG LOU.



Provincial Aid To Colleges - Penfield

OTTAWA, FEBRUARY 17 — The best hope for peace lies through redoubled efforts in education but "if war should come, our wits might well save us."

This was what Dr. Wilder Penfield, world-famous director of the Montreal Neurological Institute, told the 750 delegates to the Canadian Conference on Education at the opening general session at the Chateau Laurier yesterday.

Never before have men looked with so much hope at education and never has so much been at stake — it is a race between education and catastrophe, he said.

"Like other common men across the country, I know that our educational structure will determine our future," Dr. Penfield told the delegates of 19 sponsoring organizations and 70 "secondary bodies" represented at the meeting. He is conference chairman.

In his opening address, he gave a clue to the immense scope of the deliberations and the care with which the conference has been set up, after months of planning.

BE FEARLESS

Dr. Penfield told the delegates to be "frank and fearless, but criticize with constructive purpose. Clarify the goal and the method before recommending action."

The recommendations will come on the last day of the conference, Thursday, following two days of sectional meetings at which discussion is expected to be lively, particularly in the sections dealing with financing education, teachers: quantity and quality, and higher education. Professor D.C. Munro of the McGill Institute of Education heads the teacher discussions.

The other sections have also prepared elaborate programs dealing with buildings and equipment, education for leisure, organization and curricula, the role of the home in education and special needs in education.

As to the seriousness of the present hour in history, Dr. Penfield said, "we face two possibilities: the ending of this civilization, such as it is, or its final flowering and fulfillment in greater progress."

"This is no time to bow our heads in the resignation of defeatism. It is time for the common man in Canada to leap to his feet."

PROVINCES MUST HELP

"Who is to support education?" Dr. Penfield asked. "Is this country to follow the pattern of organization in the Soviet Union and allow the federal government to take it over and level it out to a national similarity?"

"Are we to follow Great Britain and turn the support of the universities to an ever-increasing extent over to the national government? Or is education the affair of the provinces as it is the affair of the states in the U.S.A.?"

"Speaking for myself, it seems clear enough that the British North America Act delegated the primary responsibility for education to the provinces."

"Certainly it is better for our education that it should be so. The teaching institution, public, private, and ecclesiastical should be handled differently in each province, according to the local conditions, geographic, economic, cultural religious."

"Competition and the expression of local pride and local culture should be

encouraged. Don't forget that the greatest intellectual upsurge in all history occurred in ancient Greece. There were nearly a hundred independent city-states in Greater Greece at that time. They competed in every department of thought.

"Our problem is to make the most of Canadian resources of the mind, and I can only urge that intellectual foci, without central regimentation, may be counted on to make the most of our native wit."

URGENT PROBLEMS

Dr. Penfield touched on certain of the urgent problems facing our higher education, which should be given double the financial assistance, he said, it is now receiving.

Dr. Penfield touched on the possibilities of Canada according diplomatic recognition to Communist China.

"It is a pity that we are not on speaking terms with China," he said. Once, educated Chinese studied English as their first foreign language. These days the Chinese would most likely begin learning Russian instead.

Dr. Penfield said it was critically important for education to be independent.

Trite Topics? Well Hardly Ever

by Stan Hartt

I found him in the Debating Union dungeon beneath the Union. At first I was blinded by the glare of his "Gold A", but before long I realized that the little man was worried. "What's the matter?" I asked. "Everything", he said. "I can't think of anything, and I'm sure to lose my job. Oh its just awful."

"Hold on a minute" I interrupted, "but who are you, and just what job is it you're talking about?"

"Sorry", he said. "I'm Willit B. Trite, and I'm the fellow in charge of making up those debating topics. But its awful, just awful. They lock me up in this stuffy little room and make me think all day long. They tell me "Be Original", but they never let me out to see what's going on in the world, which makes it very difficult. Just yesterday I thought I had finally broken the jinx. It was wonderful. A flash of inspiration hit me and there it was in all its originality: "Resolved that Capital punishment should be abolished" but they didn't like it. Can't understand why."

"Anything I can do to help?", I asked.

"Well, maybe there is. What are people talking about, what are the issues of the day, what are the questions which are vital to our society today?"

What about "Resolved that this house is in favour of recognition of Red China."?

He belched. "It looks to me as if you have a problem there. Why don't you do what the Americans do?"

You mean a Canadian National topic? Isn't it bad enough that we've been debating about a Canadian National flag for years?"

I left him because I had to go to a debate. Something about capital punishment, I think.

ONE-UPMANSHIP NECESSARY FOR CHAMPIONSHIP DEBATING

by Chris Dobson

One-upmanship, a subject discussed at length but not exhaustively by a compatriot of mine—a Mr. Potter—is vital in the field of debating. Indeed the whole object of debating (let us be honest with ourselves) is to finish the debate feeling like some Plato or at least a Pitt, and your opponent feeling like an anaemic worm.

One-upmanship, being a science, must be treated like one. Since this has to be a short article and not a primer on the subject, below are some basic rules for the beginner.

(1) Be early. Settle yourself down as if you always had to wait, with some dreadfully flippant book, I suggest P.G. Wodehouse or a Pogo annual, and murmur something about it being so nice to have time for reading and a little chat. This will throw your opponent, who will arrive straight from the library into a state of nerves.

(2) About dress — there are two schools of thought. Both stress the "other activity gambit". Come either in sports clothes and squash equipment, muttering "beaten again. That Pakistani team's the very devil", or in tails murmuring "Sonya tonight. Those Balls in the Windsor are so standard, though, aren't they?" Both these plays make your opponent feel that he is not a "Man of the Campus", and is therefore not worthwhile.

(3) Smoke. Your opponent probably has only smoked at cocktail parties or during rushing, but don't overdo it: for instance, never use some outlandish pipe. Produce a small cigar, (if possible from a case, or one of those little tubes — they can be used again and again) and roll it pensively between your finger and thumb; NOT, please not close to your ear, but at arm's length. Even your opponent knows that any cigar crackles at one inch from the ear.

(4) Listen to every word he says.

Peer at him through a cloud of smoke. Nod sagely, at the wrong times. If he pauses, lean over to anyone who happens to be near and whisper, "what eloquence". Whenever he makes a strong point against you, murmur "hear, hear". This will make him wonder if he phrased it the wrong way round. I have seen almost fully-grown men reduced to tears by such tactics.

(5) Make careful notes, but never let them be seen. Transcribe them on to old but imposing envelopes printed with such letterheads as "From the Faculty of Graduate Research, Bagdad University," or "From the Curator, the British Museum." I had a friend once who sent numerous petitions to the Queen on behalf of the local "dogs home" purely so that he could use the envelopes of the refusals for debating notes. Your opponent will produce his printed notes from an ugly, brown, lumpy dispatch case, probably unnecessarily locked. Produce yours, after searching pathetically for a few minutes, from your games bag, or the pocket of your cloak. (see rule 2) The old but imposing envelopes already mentioned, should be kept together with elastic bands. Apologise profusely for the delay, insinuating that (a) you never thought he'd have the courage to show up, and (b) he's lucky to have you there at all, what with this and that.

(6) If you quote authorities, make quite certain your opposition has never heard of them, but make it obvious that you assume he has. This is known as the Unknown Author Ploy. It is equally good in quotations. I recommend the Minor Prophets as a splendid source of untraceable quotes. If you want one in French, the first act of Racine's "Berenice" is so longwinded and so involved that you can find apt phrases to cover anything.

Uncle Gam's Corner

by Marvin Gameroff

Old Debaters Never Die They Just Talk Away...

Words, words everywhere — and not a word to speak. How often have debates found themselves stranded on the desert of verbal barrenness without a word to speak, let alone a drink. The following is a list of tactics for just such a debater. But, don't be misled! These tactics have never succeeded, and they have no hope of success. But you do go down in a blaze of glory.

WHAT TO SAY WHEN:

1. When you are in complete agreement with your opponent, but have to disagree because you are on the other side: ... "There's a point at which a difference of degree becomes a difference of kind." Then proceed to point out that while the difference between you and your opponent seems to be but a mere difference of degree, that that slight difference is really one of kind.

2. When you are convinced that the sympathy of the audience is definitely not with you, but the judge is a high-minded, philosophically inclined individual: ... "One on the side of right is an ethical majority."

3. When you are booed, either after a poor pun, or for some other equally justified reason: ... "Ladies and Gentlemen, I'm impervious to flattery."

4. When you are halfway through an argument, constructive or rebuttal, and you are either at a loss for the right words, or you are either at a loss for the right words, or you realize that you are absolutely wrong: ... Stop — pause — and tell your audience that you can't go on because you are overcome with emotion.

5. When what your opponents are saying is so obviously true that nothing can negate it: ... "Our opponents' argument is one of those arguments that remain true only so long as it is believed."

HOW TO MAKE A WEAK POINT WELL:

This is often the most difficult to do. Weak arguments are those for which there is no logical or evidentiary support, but which are nevertheless essential to the validity of your case.

(a) Cushion it with emotional over-

tones, and point out that while factually, statistically, and logically it would be difficult for people of a certain train of thought to accept your viewpoint, you are appealing to those whose intellectual imperatives are satisfied by more than that which you have failed to supply.

(b) Most weak arguments have some basis in fact, no matter how peripheral. While your conclusion may be contentious, at least one point of your argument will probably be non-contentious. Challenge your opponents to deny the non-contentious facts. When you come to your conclusions — look at your opponent, and have him nod his head affirmatively. He must indicate to the audience that he is in complete accord with your views.

(c) Most weak arguments not only bear repetition — they need it. Hammer it home. The only difference between a weak argument told once, and a weak argument told twice is that the latter has a better chance of being believed. If you feel that your audience is on to you, apologize for repeating such a strong point, and explain that the only reason you are doing this is because your opponents have consistently refused to meet you on the issues.

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR OPPONENTS ARE MAKING A STRONG POINT:

A. Never scribble down refutation. This may give the audience the impression that your opponents have said something which bears refuting. The best thing to do is stare at the ceiling when they are making a strong point, or else pick some lint off your colleague's jacket.

B. The usual tactics such as dropping books, talking to your colleague — or any other distracting manoeuvres are good.

C. Lean back in your chair almost to the point where you will fall over backwards and totter there — but don't fall! If you do, good and well.

D. Drink huge quantities of water. This will soon have the audience wondering more about your capacity than that of your opponents. If possi-

ble, start off with the pitcher half-empty, and as soon as it is emptied ask the chairman to refill it — preferably when your opponent is making a good point.

E. Laugh at all of your opponents' jokes — and keep on laughing even when they are over.

F. If all else fails, stamp very hard upon your colleague's toes, or do anything else which will evoke some sincere response from him.

G. If this fails too, spill the pitcher of water all over the table, including your notes, etc. This will disrupt your opponent to no end — and will evoke all kinds of sympathy when you get up to speak with water-soaked notes.

HOW TO REFUTE IRREFUTABLE ARGUMENTS:

A. Ignore them, and at the same time point out what your opponents have ignored.

B. When you quote your opponents — after reading what they have said tear the quotation up in order to show your disdain for what they have said, and put the pieces in your pocket.

C. Never admit that your opponents have left you anything to refute, — and point out that what you are refuting is purely secondary to your case.

WHEN YOUR TIME IS UP, AND YOU HAVE A LOT MORE TO SAY:

A. The best defence here is an offence. Sometime during your remarks, wander over to the time-keeper's table, and after pounding once or twice, pick the watch up from the table, and

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As we said before, great debaters are built. These girls may not be debating, but they will model at the Women's Union Fashion show, tonight at 8:30 pm in the Union Ballroom.

**TUESDAY, FEB. 18**

CHORAL SOCIETY: A regular practice will be held from 5 to 6:30 pm in the Union Ballroom. All coats are to left in the Walter M. Stewart Room.

M.O.C.: A square dance will be held in the Union Lounge at 8 pm. Everyone is welcome.

STUDENTS' CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT: A morning worship and breakfast will be held at 8 am. All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19

MONTEREGIAN GEOLOGY CLUB: Dr.

V. A. Scull will talk. Adams club welcome, 1 pm in room 232 PSC.

PSYCHOLOGY CLUB: Miss E. Halpern is guest speaker. Also a film will be shown, Room 250 Biology Building, 1 pm.

RED WINGS: Meeting at 1:20 sharp.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY: General meeting at 7:30 in the Board room.

McGILL SYMPHONIC BAND: Important Rehearsal, 5 pm in Ballroom.

SOCIALIST SOCIETY: Business meeting, 1-2 in the Clubroom.

UKRAINIAN CLUB: A talk by Mr. Bat-chinsky and Mr. Chipman of the C.B.C. 1-2 in the Walter M. Stewart Room.

HOW DEBATERS RESOLVE THE DIRE DILEMMA OF COLLEGE

(ED. NOTE: Because of University requirements, even debaters must pass their Exams. The following tips explain how they have managed to accomplish this in the past. This information is being disclosed in the interests of the student body, primarily to allow them to attend more debates).

Bring the professor newspaper cuttings dealing with his subjects. Demonstrate fiery interest, and give him timely items to mention to the class. If you can't find clippings dealing with his subject, bring in any clippings at random. He thinks everything deals with his subject.

Look alert. Take notes eagerly. If you look at your watch, don't stare at it unbelievably and shake it.

Nod frequently and murmur "How true" ... To you this seems exaggerated. To him, its quite objective.

Sit in front, near him (Applies only if you intend to stay awake) If you're going to the trouble of making a good impression you might as well let him know who you are, especially in a large class.

Laugh at his jokes. You can tell! If he looks up from his notes and smiles expectantly, he has told a joke.

Ask for outside reading. You don't have to read it. Just ask.

If you must sleep, arrange to be called at the end of the hour. It creates an unfavourable impression, if the rest of the class has left and you sit alone, dozing.

Be sure that the books you read during the lecture looks like a book

from the course. If you do maths in psychology class, and psychology in maths class, match the books for size and color.

Ask any questions you think he can answer. Conversely avoid announcing that you have found the answer to a question that he couldn't answer, and in your younger brother's second grade reader at that.

Call attention to his writing. This produces an exquisitely pleasant experience connected with you. If you know he's written a book or an article, ask in class if he wrote it.

As to whether or not you want to do some work in addition to all this, well it's controversial and up to the individual.

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An Address on Municipal Affairs (In English)

by

Me JEAN DRAPEAU

Honorary President of
The Civic Action League



Mr. Pierre DES MARAIS

Chairman
of the
Montreal Metropolitan
Commission
is the
President Founder
of the
Civic Action League.

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ADDRESS

CITY

Thirty Universities To Attend Contest

McGill University will be the site this weekend of the largest debating conference in the British Commonwealth. More than thirty colleges in the United States and Canada will send teams to compete in the Winter Carnival Debating Conference, to be held on Friday and Saturday of the Carnival Weekend, Feb. 21 and 22.

The tournament is sponsored by the Debating Union; however it has been made an integral part of the Carnival — this adds to the popularity which the Conference enjoys below the border.

BUKHARI TROPHY

At stake in the competition is the Bukhari Cup, won last year by the University of Pittsburgh, and the previous year by Cornell University. The trophy was presented in 1953.

Three rounds of debate are to be held, following which the best affirmative and negative teams will meet in the finals at 2 pm Saturday in the McGill Union to decide the championship. The preliminary rounds will be Friday at 6 pm, and Saturday at 10 am and 11:30 am, all in the Arts Building.

The topic for all teams throughout the Conference will be "Resolved that this house approves of selective military service in North America."

The final debate on Saturday will be followed at 5:30 pm by a banquet for all the participants in the Conference, to be held at Ruby Foo's Restaurant. The banquet is being jointly sponsored by the Rest Glow Manufacturing Company Ltd., the Standard Electric Company Inc., and Ruby Foo's Inc. The guest speaker will be Dr. Isidore Rosenfeld, a past President of the McGill Debating Union, who was undefeated in a tour of Europe while he was at the University.

Judges will be provided both by the visiting teams and by McGill. The Conference is under the chairmanship of Phillip De Zwirk, Host Tournaments Chairman of the Debating Union.

Results Of Senior And Novice Teams In Debate Contests

McGill Senior and Novice Debating Teams have participated this year in three American Debating Tournaments, and will attend two more by the middle of March; Senior Teams have made one tour in Canada, and will make another in the United States, also by the middle of March. Here is a summary of the results of these intercollegiate debates, and a description of those planned for the remainder of the semester.

University of Vermont Invitational Tournament (Burlington): McGill sent 16 novices, who won two thirds of their debates. The aggregate affirmative and negative team of Messrs. Elkin, Roiter, Cooperstein and Glouberman won nine of their ten debates, establishing the best record of the tournament. Approximately 40 colleges from the U.S. and Canada participated.

McGILL PLACES HIGH

University of Pittsburgh Tournament: Senior team of Messrs. Campbell, Schiff, Sederoff and Fish won over half of their debates, and finished about fifteenth out of 60 colleges.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology Tournament: Senior team of Messrs. Fish, Schiff, Campbell and De Zwirk won three of their ten debates. Thirty-three colleges participated.

Toronto Tour: Senior team of Peter Millard and Nundi Gewurz defeated a team from the University of Toronto, and lost to a team from Osgoode Hall.

The two other tournaments scheduled to take place within the next few weeks are at Hofstra College, Hempstead, N.Y., Feb. 28 to Mar. 1; and the Cherry Blossom Tournament, sponsored by Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., Mar. 15 and 16.

Debating Union Sponsors 13 Awards In All Fields

by Peter White

Papineau Trophy was won this year by Michael Kinsman.

The other major prizes are the Edward Hugessen Memorial Cup, awarded annually, at the discretion of the Debating Union Executive, "for excellence in intercollegiate debating"; this cup was presented in 1955 by Isidore Rosenfeld, a past President of the Debating Union (who incidentally will be guest speaker at the winter Carnival Conference banquet on Saturday), and it is not awarded until the end of the year; the Gold A, for ability

Shield, awarded annually to a student in his or her first year at a university, which was won this year by Jacob Elkin, B.A. 1; and the Women's Union Trophy, donated by the Women's Union in 1951, and awarded to "the most outstanding woman speaker"; this trophy was not awarded this year.

In the field of Debating, there are first of all two trophies for tournaments to which McGill is host: the Bukhari Cup, donated by a student in 1953 and awarded annually to the winner of the McGill Winter Carnival Invitational Debating Conference, lar-

Every year the Debating Union sponsors competition for a number of cups, trophies, shields and other assorted awards, in practically every field of debating and public speaking. It has been calculated that every student at McGill, even for example a man in his second year in the Faculty of Graduate Studies, who belongs to no clubs or fraternities, and who has never before participated in debating or public speaking, is eligible to compete for at least two of those awards — the Reford Cup for Impromptu Public Speaking, and the Talbot Papineau Trophy for Public Speaking. On the other hand, a woman in First Year Arts could theoretically win eleven awards.

These two awards in particular, partly because of the very fact that any student may win them, are probably the most coveted of the Debating Union's items of silverware. Since competition for the Papineau Trophy was revived in 1953 (it had been lost for many years), only one student has won both cups while at the University — but even then not both in the same year, or even while in the same Faculty. This feat was accomplished this year by Ann Peacock, M.A. 1, when she won the Reford Cup; she won the Papineau Trophy two years ago while she was taking her B.A.

REFORD CUP

The Reford Cup was presented to what was then the McGill Undergraduates' Literary and Debating Society by Mrs. R.W. Reford in 1910. Among the names now engraved on it is that of Adrian Knatchbull-Hugessen, now Senator Hugessen, who won the cup in 1912. Senator Hugessen will be one of the judges to choose the team which the Debating Union hopes to send abroad next year.

The Talbot Papineau Trophy, which has been consistently mislabeled the Papineau-Talbot Trophy during the last few years, is in memory of Talbot Mercer Papineau, the scion of the great Papineau family on whose hereditary lands at Montebello stands the famous Seignior Club. Papineau graduated from McGill in 1904 with a B.A., and subsequently studied law at McGill and Oxford, where he was granted a B.A. in 1908. He was killed at Passchendale in 1917. The Talbot



SOME OF THE TROPHIES offered as debating prizes are: Left to right, Bukhari Cup, U.N. Club Debating Trophy, Reford Cup, Women's Union Trophy, Talbot Papineau Trophy, Edward Hugessen Memorial Cup.

ity in public speaking and debating, of which not more than four are awarded annually; and finally the Gold Key, for outstanding ability, of which not more than two are awarded annually. These last two awards are also conferred by the Debating Union Executive. At present only three students hold Gold Keys: Ann Peacock, M.A. 1, Marvin Gameroff, and Claude-Armand Sheppard, both in Law. Eight students hold Gold A's.

In addition to the above open awards the Debating Union also awards trophies for eight competitions with restricted eligibility. In the field of public speaking, there are the Bo-

gest in the British Commonwealth, which will take place at the end of this week; and the Eaton's Trophy, awarded to the victor in McGill's High School Tournament, won this year by Baron Byng High School. There are also four awards at stake in Intramural League competition: the Interfaculty Shield for the Interfaculty Tournament; the United Nations Club Trophy for the Inter-National Clubs Tournament; the Molson's Cup for the Men's Interfraternity League, which will be contested in the finals on Feb. 26; and the Birk's Trophy for the Women's Interfraternity League, won this year by Kappa Alpha Theta.

Fraternities Battle For Molson's Cup

Zeta Beta Tau and Phi Epsilon Pi are the finalists in the Debating Union's Interfraternity Tournament, having eliminated 14 other fraternities in their battle for possession of the new Molson's Cup which is being awarded for the first time this year.

The finals will be held Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 1:10 pm in the Club Room of the Union. The topic under discussion will be "Resolved that nationalism is outmoded", and a reliable source states that the debaters will be ZBT's David Freedman, President of the Debating Union, and Gordon Echenberg, winner of this year's Novice Trials, versus a team from Phi Epsilon Pi consisting of Philip Belitsky and Phillip De Zwirk, both members of the Debating Union executive. The names of judges will be announced later.

McGill has never before participated in the Cherry Blossom Tournament, which is one of the most important in the United States.

The only Debating Tour remaining on the year's programme is the annual Boston Tour, Feb. 28 to Mar. 1, during which Peter Millard and Jack Winter will debate against teams from Harvard, Wellesley College, and the Norfolk, Mass. Penitentiary. McGill will uphold the negative of the topic, which was chosen by the inmates of Norfolk Pen, namely "Resolved that today's banks are too easy to rob."

On Campus Series Closes Tomorrow

"Resolved that this house disapproves of a summit conference" will be the topic of an On Campus Debate to be held tomorrow at 1:10 pm in the Ballroom. This will probably be the last debate of the On Campus series.

Michael Kinsman, who recently won the Talbot Papineau Trophy, will take the negative with Brahm Campbell, against Phil Shaposnick, last year's winner of the Reford Cup, and Morty Besner.

Old Debaters...

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toy with it as if in deep thought — all the time turning the hands back a few minutes.

B. If he has the watch on his arm, and therefore you can't get to the watch, when the time-keeper informs you via a loud knock — turn to face him — nod — and say "Thank you" — than continue.

C. If he persists, inform him that you heard him the first time.

FINALE:

Remember — these are not tips on how to win debates. For that I suggest you see our President — these are merely ways and means for having fun without being funny.

FAR TOO FEW COMPETITORS TEST WITS IN INTRAMURALS

Like many undergraduate enterprises, debating at McGill somewhat resembles an iceberg: nine-tenths of it is invisible, at least to the majority of students. The reason for this is the pattern along which Debating Union events are organized; like all bureaucracies, its programme is shaped like a pyramid — two pyramids, in fact, one for public speaking events, and one for debating.

This relatively complicated structure is made necessary by a fact of which far too few students take advantage: every one of McGill's close to 8,000 students is automatically a member of the McGill Debating Union on payment of his Students' Society fees.

Of necessity it is only the few big events at the top of the pyramids that receive much publicity — the five or six Exhibition Series debates held during the year, the Winter Carnival Tournament, the Papineau-Talbot Trophy competition, the Model Parliaments. The scope of the activities at the base of the pyramid, the busy training-ground for the future participants in these top events, is realized by few.

Specifically, the Intramural Debating Leagues hold up to fifteen debates a week around this time of year. The leagues are five in number; Inter-Faculty, Inter-Fraternity, Inter-Soro-

Education Has A Threefold Purpose

OTTAWA, FEB. 18 — Sir Ronald Gould, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers of Organizations of the Teaching Profession yesterday defined "the purpose of education" at the opening session of the Canadian Conference on Education.

There were many claims as to what education should accomplish but as a practical first step, Sir Ronald said, "It is an important aim in education to enable children to earn a living. Education must be related to the needs of the individual."

It was also important, Sir Ronald said, that children be prepared to live in a society in which there is freedom of thought and expression.

"In an autocracy," he said, "there is no reason why you should not educate the elite for leadership and give the rest an education befitting those who blindly follow."

But in a democracy, where each person bears some responsibility for the well being of all, it is important that all should be trained to accept responsibility.

The third responsibility of education was to contribute to the development of personalities of children.

R.V.C. Centre For Women's Debating

Activity in Women's Debating at present is centred around Royal Victoria College. Within that revered edifice an elimination tournament among the 13 assorted Wings is in full flight.

The girls are going at each other tooth and nail for the honour of "good ol' East Fourth", etc., and the finals are expected to take place about the middle of March.

The Women's Interfraternity Tournament ended with the finals between Kappa Alpha Theta and Alpha Omicron Pi; Joan Fish and Holly McCuaig of the Theta House were victorious, and winners of the new Birk's Trophy. Miss Fish is Chairman of Women's Debating, and Miss McCuaig is the Debating Union's Social Convenor. The Women's Fraternities are still holding informal debate with each team consisting of girls from two different fraternities.

The Women's Union Trophy for Public Speaking was not awarded this year.

ity, Inter-National Club, and Inter-Religious Club. All of these leagues except one, the Inter-Sorority League, are organized and controlled by the Debating Union's Special Tournaments Committee, Martin Raff, Chairman.

All the tournaments except the Interfraternity, which is run as an elimination tournament, are round-robin, with each team meeting every other team a certain number of times, and points awarded for win, loss or tie, as in the NHL. Participants are as follows: Interfaculty League: Arts and Science, Commerce, Engineering, Law, Divinity; Inter-National Club League: Arab Club, African Students' Association, West Indian Society, Chinese Students' Society, Spanish Club; Inter-Religious Club League: Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, Islamic Society, Newman Club, Lutheran Students' Association, Hillel Foundation. All Men's Fraternities participate in the Interfraternity League except Alpha Kappa Kappa, Delta Sigma Phi, Nu Sigma Nu, and Phi Delta Theta.

LUCKY MINUTE WINNER

Lucky Minute Winner of the Winter Carnival Tickets sales on Monday was Doug Smith, B.Com. IV, who bought the tickets at 1:09 pm in the Union.